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An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Loren R. Hulse, (Applicants' Representative) on 19 August 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amendment to the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph prior to the first paragraph of the specification:

This application is a national stage entry of PCT international application no. PCT/CA97/00969, filed December 15, 1997, which claims priority to U.S. patent application serial no. 08/845,546, filed April 24, 1997, issued as U.S. Patent No.: 6,077,949; U.S. patent application no. 08/767,224, filed December 13, 1996 and U.S. patent application serial no. 08/767,721, filed January 24, 1997.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fozia M Hamud whose telephone number is (571) 272-0884. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Thursday-Friday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Manjunath N Rao can be reached on (571) 272-0939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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